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Sir:

Prior to examination please make the following amendments.

Amend the Application as follows:

Replace pages 1 through 7 of the specification with new pages attached hereto.

Replace pages 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 of the figures with the new pages attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all pending claims 1-6, 8-12, 16, 18-20, 28, 34 and 35 without prejudice or disfavor.